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Applicants: John O Bieser, et al.

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For: HOMOGENEOUSLY BRANCHED ETHYLENE POLYMER CARPET, CARPET BACKING AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRE-EXAMINATION AMENDMENT

Included with this submission is a request for Continued Prosecution Application. Prior to examination of the Continued Prosecution Application, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment to the claims:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A carpet comprising a primary backing material having a face and a back side, a plurality of fibers attached to the primary backing material and extending from the face of the primary backing material and exposed at the back side of the primary backing material, an adhesive backing material and an optional secondary backing material adjacent to the adhesive backing material, wherein [at least one of the plurality of fibers, the primary backing material,] the adhesive backing material [or the optional secondary backing material] is comprised of at least one homogeneously branched ethylene polymer characterized as having a short chain branching distribution index (SCBDI) of greater than or equal to 50 percent and is in intimate contact with the primary backing material and has substantially penetrated and substantially consolidated fibers.

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